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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
TITLE 26 PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD  
LITEM CERTIFIED REGISTRY

SUPERIOR COURT  
ADMINISTRATION  
This application is for Guardians ad Litem currently serving on the Pierce County Superior Court Title 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry.

THIS IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

This is my **renewal** application to serve as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem in Pierce County, State of Washington, as required under Title 26. I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my renewal application is true and correct. Please **check each box** where contact information has changed since last year's application was submitted.

Date Signed: 3/2/09 Signature: Wendy M. Howe

WSBA # and Year Admitted: 21021 - Admitted 1991

Printed Name: Wendy M. Howe

Business Address: 27013 Pac. Hwy. So., #295

City: Des Moines State: WA Zip Code: 98198

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Business Telephone Number: 253-951-9842 [ ] FAX: 253-839-5489

Bilingual: no If so, in what language(s): NA

Please list all trainings attended during the past year: (include Date, Sponsor, and Topic)

GAL training provided by Pierce County Superior Court  
2/21/08, 3/20/08

Continuing Legal Education re: Domestic Violence - King County  
Bar Assn  
6:0 credits

**NOTE: Only** this application may be utilized. Late applications shall **not** be accepted for any reason. All questions **must** be answered in the order in which they are given. Answers that only refer to a resume or vitae are **not** acceptable although a resume is required and you may attach supporting materials. Please return completed application, resume and any materials by **March 20, 2009 4:30 PM** to:

Pierce County Superior Court Administrator  
Room 334, County City Building  
930 Tacoma Ave South  
Tacoma, WA 98402-2108

**THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION IS PUBLIC INFORMATION**

A. Please report the first year you served on the RCW 26.09 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem Certified Registry in **Pierce County**. Please list any years where there was a break in service: 2005 - 2008

B. Number of appointments you have received as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem and all counties eligible for appointment during the last year, 1/1/08 to 12/31/08: 18

C. Percentage of your total case load that RCW 26 Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem work represents overall: 100%

\*D. Criminal history, as defined in RCW 9.94A.030: A current and completed Washington State Patrol Conviction Criminal History Record must be received by the Court. If not attached, the expected date the Court will have the record: \_\_\_\_\_ - attached -

E. Have you ever been accused of, found guilty of, or been a victim of **either** domestic violence or an anti-harassment action? Yes \_\_\_ No X. If **yes**, please explain.

F. The number of times you have been removed for failure to adequately perform duties as Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem or for any other cause. For each removal, give a brief explanation, with the county, case name and cause number, and attach all relevant documents from the court file along with a copy of the court order. 0

**I also certify the following:**

G. I am presently not serving, nor have I recently applied to serve, as a Judge or Commissioner pro tempore in Pierce County Superior Court. I understand that I am not permitted to serve in both capacities.

AGREE X DISAGREE \_\_\_\_\_



**POLICY 2**

**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RCW 26.09.220 AND RCW 26.12.175  
PARENTING INVESTIGATOR/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem's shall fully comply with this Code of Conduct and the requirements of Superior Court GALR, effective 11/01:

1. The appointed Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall decline the appointment if they are not qualified, competent, or able to complete the matter in a timely manner.
2. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall maintain the ethical principles of their own profession in addition to compliance with this Code of Conduct.
3. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall promptly advise the court of any grounds for disqualification or unavailability to serve.
4. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall avoid self-dealing or association from which the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem might directly or indirectly benefit, other than from compensation as a Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem.
5. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall not guarantee or create the impression that any portion of the investigation will remain confidential, and shall inform all witnesses that the information gathered by the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem must be reported to the court.
6. All records, including contemporaneously maintained time and expense records, of the Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall promptly be made available to the parties and their attorneys for review upon request, without formal discovery request(s) being made. Copies of the records may be made by the parties and their attorneys under circumstances that assure that the file remains complete, organized and intact.
7. The Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem shall be available to testify if called by a party.
8. Once admitted to the RCW 26.09 Certified Registry, all Parenting Investigator/Guardian ad Litem's shall fully comply with all continuing education requirements established under Pierce County Local Rules and GALR, as amended.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the foregoing, has read the same and GALR, and agrees to be governed by all.

3/4/09  
Date

Wendy M. Howe  
Signature

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### WENDY M. HOWE

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Des Moines, WA 98198  
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#### SUMMARY

Attorney, practicing primarily in the areas of Family Law, Education Law, Employment Law, Worker's Compensation, Insurance, and Social Security/Disability Law.

Guardian Ad Litem (Title 26) for Pierce County Superior Court (4<sup>th</sup> Year)

Former Disciplinary Hearing Officer for the Federal Way School District (5 Years)

Medical Clinic Manager and Operations Manager with expertise in management of daily business operations, delivery of superior customer service; relationship building; supervision of professional and administrative staff; human resource administration; volunteer coordination; fund-raising; marketing and advertising; contract management; dispute resolution; and development and implementation of policies and procedures.

#### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

<b>Attorney &amp; Guardian Ad Litem</b>	<b>Lombino Martino, LLP and Luce, Lombino and Riggio Pierce County Superior Court</b>	<b>2005-Present</b>
<b><u>Attorney &amp; Retail Sales Associate</u></b>	<b>Preston Gates &amp; Ellis, Seattle WA Sarda and Bon/Macy's</b>	<b>2003-2005</b>
<b><u>Clinic Manager</u></b>	<b>Water's Edge Natural Health Services, Seattle, WA</b>	<b>2001 – 2003</b>
<b><u>Recovery Specialist</u></b>	<b>Reliance Insurance Company, Federal Way, WA</b>	<b>1997 – 2001</b>
<b><u>Attorney/ Hearing Officer</u></b>	<b>Private Practice, Federal Way, WA Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Federal Way, WA Federal Way School District, Federal Way, WA</b>	<b>1991 – 1997</b>
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Farmers New World Life Insurance Company, Mercer Island, WA</b>	<b>1979-1991</b>

#### EDUCATION

**Juris Doctor** University of Puget Sound School of Law (currently Seattle University)  
**Bachelor of Arts** UCLA, major in Political Science, minor in Public Administration  
**Continuing Legal Education** in the fields of: Family Law, Employment Law, Worker's Compensation, Health Law, Insurance Law, Judicial Administration, Workplace Investigations, Mediation and Negotiation, Construction Law, Electronic document review, and Guardianships.  
**Graduate Insurance Courses: Fellow of the Life Management Institute, Chartered Life Underwriter**

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Attorney - volunteer, Neighborhood Legal Clinic (sponsored by the King County Bar Association)  
President of the Federal Way American Little League  
Member of the Sacajawea Junior High School Site Based Leadership Team  
Board member of the Citizens for Federal Way Schools  
Founding Member of the Celebration Park Action Committee.